GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Proposal for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited., Visakhapatnam – Final **(Stage-II)** approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SECTION.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.59 **Dated:21.09.2021.**
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/11/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:12-06-2020.
2. Guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28.03.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.23, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.01.10.2020.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/11/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:07-05-2021.
5. GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File.No.FC-11/160/2019-FC, dt.23.06.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Pvt.Ltd., Visakhapatnam and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide letter 2nd read above under general approval category.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, orders were issued, according in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the project, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in **in-principle (Stage-I)** approval accorded by the Government in the G.O.3rd read above and requested to accord Final (Stage-II) approval for the project.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letters 2nd and 5th read above, hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Pvt.Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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(ii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency.

(iii) Other conditions specified in the handbook of guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letter Dated 28.03.2019, shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Andhra Pradesh, and User Agency with which they are concerned;

(iv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.52 Ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department;

(v) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR GSRKR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

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The Conservator of Forest, Guntur.
The Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur.
M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm. Limited.,
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The P.S.to Hon'ble M(E, FES&T)
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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